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SUBJECT: STARR KIDNAPPING, SELECTION OF INTERMEDIARY

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1. EMBASSY BELIEVES WE SHOULD GET EXPLICIT, HIGH-LEVEL COMMITMENT FROM GOC REGARDING LEGALITY AND ACCEPTABILITY OF INERMEIARIES BEFORE PROCEEDING FURTHER. AT THAT SAME TIME, WE SHOULD POSE TO GOC THE QUESTION RAISED IN PARA SIX OF REFTTEL CONCERNING ROLE OF FAMILY REPRESENTATIVES, AS DISTINCT FROM BLOOD RELATIVES. ONCE WE GET THAT COMMITMENT OR AUTHORIZATION FROM GOC WE WOULD BE IN BETTER POSITION TO SOUND OUT MAITREJEAN OR OTHER POSSIBLE INTER-MEDIARIES WHOM MRS. JENSEN MIGHT SELECT. THAT IS, WE COULD CONFIDENTLY ASSURE THEM THEIR ROLE WOULD NOT ENTAIL RISKS OF PUNITIVE ACTION BY GOC.
2. SINCE PRESIDENT LOPEZ IS ABOUT TO LEAVE BOGOTA AT THE OUTSET OF A LONG HOLIDAY WEEKEND HERE, WE THINK BEST AND QUICKEST WAY OF OBTAINING THE COMMITMENT CITED IN THE PRE-CEDING PARA WOULD BE FOR DEPT TO CONTACT FOREIGN MINISTER LIEVANO WHO SHOULD BE ARRIVING IN NEW YORK FROM GRENADA THIS WEEKEND TO ATTEND THE LOS ACONFERENCE. WE UNDERSTAND HE PLANS TO REMAIN THERE UNTIL THE END OF THIS MONTH. IN APPROACHING LIEVANO,

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WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD MAKE CLEAR OUR CONVICTION THAT THIS MATTER ALSO REQUIRES THE ATTENTION OF PRESIDENT LOPEZ HIMSELF AND THAT WE SHOULD THEREFORE ASK LIEVANO TO FACILITATE OUR GETTING THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL AUTHORIZATION FOR THE USE OF INTERMEDIARIES.
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